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Policy to Protect Domestic Violence Victims from Repeat Violence and Risk of Death Approved for Suffolk



Photo: Suffolk County Executive recognizes Legislator Kara Hahn for her work to implement a new policy that is expected to protect victims of domestic abuse from repeat violence and risk of death during a signing ceremony for the bill.

Suffolk County recently adopted an initiative that I sponsored to protect victims of domestic violence and enable them to better gauge their risk of repeated abuse. Under the multi-dimensional approach, police will implement the highly regarded *Portland Police Bureau's Risk Assessment for Intimate Partner Violence* model to evaluate continued level of risk to victims. This model has proven to be highly accurate in identifying offenders who are likely to recommit an act of domestic violence on a partner in its previous, limited, use by the Suffolk County Police Department.

Once fully implemented, Police will also be charged with providing each suspected victim of domestic violence with a self-administered danger assessment instrument. The 20 question form will be used by the victim to determine his or her level of danger of being killed by an intimate partner. Additionally, the assessment will include referrals to domestic violence victim services and agencies that can provide guidance, assistance and counseling on partner abuse.



Photo: Legislator Hahn and advocates speak in favor of a adopting a new policy that will protect victims of domestic abuse from repeat violence and risk of death.

According to Laura Ahearn, Executive Director of the Crime Victim Center at PFML, "Emerging evidence demonstrates that domestic violence homicide is predictable and preventable, and this legislation is a comprehensive step forward to provide victims of domestic violence vital information that will help them accurately perceive the grave risk they may be facing in their current circumstances. I applaud Legislator Hahn for her leadership in spearheading this important legislation and for her successful collaboration with the County Executive, the Suffolk Police Department and Crime Victim Services agencies."

Giving Kids a "Passport" to a Healthier Childhood



Seeking to reverse an alarming rise in childhood obesity, I recently sponsored a bill that the Legislature unanimously approved that will encourage children to visit, explore, and be active in Suffolk County parks. Under the proposal, the Parks Department will design and distribute upon request a passport-like sticker or stamp book to youth patrons. The parks department will also work with schools, scout troops, civic organizations and chambers to design stickers/stamps symbolic of each individual park. Once fully implemented, children who frequent a

County park, beach or campground during its normal operating season will be entitled to get a unique logo stamp/sticker to collect in their parks passport book after each visit.

Talk With Your Legislator - Community Meetings Scheduled

I will be holding two upcoming participant oriented gatherings in which residents can share their thoughts about Suffolk County and community related issues directly with me.

The meeting will be hold on:

Thursday, May 28th • 7:30PM

Comsewogue Public Library
Community Room
170 Terryville Road
Port Jefferson Station

Tuesday, June 9th • 7:30PM

Setauket Elementary School
Cafeteria
134 Main Street
East Setauket

I hope to see you there!

“Stamp Out” Hunger This Saturday

This Saturday, May 9th, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will hold its 23rd Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. To participate, residents just need to put their non-perishable donations in a bag and leave it near their mailboxes. From there, carriers will deliver the donations to local food pantries.

For more than a decade, the drive has annually collected more than 70 million pounds of food. Over the course of its history, the food drive has collected 1.3 billion pounds of food to help feed our neighbors.



Tick Identification APP Now Available for Free Download

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk has developed a new tick identification APP called TickClick. The APP is free and ready to download on Smartphones!

See a tick but not sure what type it is--or if it's even a tick? TickClick provides pictures of various types of ticks and offers information on safe removal and destruction, health concerns, ways to avoid ticks, and information and precautions for pets.

TickClick also provides a chart of the most common tick borne diseases and lists which type of ticks can transmit each disease. Plus, the APP lists some of the common symptoms for each disease including Lyme, Babesiosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and others.

TickClick is available for download through Apple and Google Play.

In the Community

Recognizing Mt. Sinai's Bravest

New Eagle Scout Honored



The Mt. Fire Department recognized several members during its annual installation dinner. Among those honored were Firefighter of the Year Walter Wilson, Probationary Firefighter of the Year Steven Ford and Eugene Gerrard for his fifty years of service to the Department.

Looking Back in Time



The Cumsewogue Historical Society let me take a trip in time during its open house at the Terryville Union Hall. Visitors were treated to an exhibition of photographs and historical artifacts.

Builders of Hope Honored



My colleagues and I recently recognized Habitat for Humanity's volunteers and partnering organizations during the annual Builders Breakfast.

It's Easy Being Green at SBU



I addressed a crowd about the importance of living sustainably during Earthstock's closing festivities. The annual, week-long, campus-wide event coincides with Earth Day and its message of being environmentally responsible. This comes the same week that Stony Brook University was ranked the "Number 4 Environmentally Responsible University" by the Princeton Review.

Suffolk Launches 2015 Veterans Running Series



I had the pleasure of joining the family and friends of new Eagle Scout Philip Rizzuto during his recent Court of Honor. For his community service project, Philip planned and oversaw the renovation of Nassakeag Elementary School's softball field including installing new dugouts and benches.

A Business Breakfast



Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and I addressed the Three Village Chamber of Commerce during its April general membership meeting held at the Stony Brook School.

Spring Cleaning at S.B. R.R. Station



I would like to thank everyone who helped to spruce up the Stony Brook Railroad station during its annual spring cleaning.

Good Health is a Walk in the Park



I joined with State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker, State Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey and the Health Commissioners from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties in encouraging residents to take a "walk in the park" for better health. The event held at Belmont Lake State Park in North Babylon and fits with the goal of my recently adopted Parks Rx initiative.

Showing That "True Food" Can Be Truly Tasty



I joined with County Executive Steve Bellone, local military veterans and veterans' advocates to announce the 2015 Suffolk County Veterans Running Series. The runs will take place in various locations throughout the County and serve as an opportunity for local veterans and residents to compete in area races, including the Inaugural Suffolk County Marathon & Half Marathon on September 13, 2015.



Registered dietitian Iman Marghoob with Stony Brook University's Department of Family Medicine and I shared samples of healthy food items that may soon be in vending machines throughout the County's buildings. Last July, the Legislature adopted a bill that I sponsored to offer healthier and more nutritious food options at concession stands and in vending machines within County buildings.



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